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In re Application of: Arthur S. HASELTINE

Application No.: 09/752,980

Examiner: not yet known

Technology Center 2100

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Art Unit: 2161

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM PROVIDING OUT-SOURCED,
MERCHANDISE RETURN SERVICES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Attn: **Box Non-Fee Amendment**
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, prior to examination, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claim 5, without prejudice.

Add new claims 14-20 as follows. No new matter is added.

Paul 126 -- *M¹⁵* An out-sourced merchandise-return system for a plurality of remote merchandisers,
comprising:

a plurality of remote merchandisers providing merchandise which when purchased is
forwarded along with an input record that is associable with further information;

a distributed purchasing public of any of the remote merchandisers' merchandise;